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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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SUBJECT: RESIDENT PRC AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS; NEW
NON-RESIDENT NORTH VIETNAMESE AND NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADORS
ARRIVE

1. FIRST RESIDENT PRC AMBASSADOR TIEN CHIH-TUNG ARRIVED
TANANARIVE JUNE 20 AND PRESENTED CREDENTIALS LESS THAN FOUR
HOURS LATER TO HEAD OF GOVT RAMANANTSOA. ACCORDING TO FRENCH
AMBASSADOR, CHINESE HAD INSISTED CREDENTIALS BE PRESENTED SAME
DAY AS ARRIVAL, A REAL RECORD BREAKER HERE. EXCHANGE OF
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REMARKS AT CEREMONY WAS MODERATE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. ONLY

NOTEWORTHY POINT WAS THAT GEN RAMANANTSOA, WHILE ACCEPTING CHINESE CLAIM TO BE MEMBER THIRD WORLD, REMARKED CHINA HAD MADE "GIANT STEP FORWARD," THUS REMINDING NEW AMBASSADOR THAT AID EXPECTED.

2. ARRIVING ON SAME PLANE FOR PRESENTATION CREDENTIALS PRIOR TO JUNE 26 (MALAGASY INDEPENDENCE DAY) WERE NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR DUONG THIET SON AND NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DJANG IL MAN, BOTH UNDERSTOOD TO BE RESIDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM. NORTH VIETNAMESE ISSUED ARRIVAL COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH "MALAGASY PEOPLE'S SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT IN VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" WAS MENTIONED. OTHERWISE, UNHELPFUL NORTH VIETNAMESE AND NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS WERE LIMITED TO USUAL VAGUE CLICHES ABOUT ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND PRO-LIBERATION. MENDENHALL

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